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SUBJECT: CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES AGREEMENT

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1. "INDIVIDUALS": IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY TO USE THE
WORD "INDIVIDUALS" IN THE IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE PROVIDED
THAT THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT FORECLOSE ON THE CONCEPT OF
INDIVIDUALLY INITIATED EXCHANGES. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE,
WE HAVE WORKED OUT ACCEPTABLE FORMULA WITH THE HUNGARIANS
ON THIS ISSUE. FOR YOUR USE, WE PROVIDE YOU WITH THE
FOLLOWING SUGGESTED LANGUAGE WHICH IS IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR
TO THE LANGUAGE TO WHICH THE HUNGARIANS HAVE AGREED:

ARTICLE I - "PERSONS ACTIVE IN THESE FIELDS."

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ARTICLE II - "AS WELL AS SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND SPECIALISTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."

AND FACILITATE, AS APPROPRIATE, ADDITIONAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION WHICH MAY BE AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES OR BY PERSONS

AND ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,"

2. "HISTORIC TIES": WE AGREE THAT EXCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO "HISTORIC TIES" WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE, AND YOU MAY DROP "OF FRIENDSHIP", AS YOU SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3, AND/OR CLAUSE REFERRED TO IN YOUR PARAGRAPH 6, IF IT BECOME NECESSARY.

3. CSCE: WE DO NOT WISH TO USE THE ADDITIONAL CZECH LANGUAGE ON CSCE. WE HAVE AVOIDED REFERENCES TO THE "SPIRIT" OF HELSINKI ON THE GROUNDS THAT THAT TERM WAS NEVER DEFINED AND HAS DIFFERENT MEANINGS FOR THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES INVOLVED. WE FEEL THAT THE AGREED UPON LANGUAGE ON CSCE (YOUR PARA 5) IS SUFFICIENT.

4. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE FEEL CZECHS HAVE COME TO FAIRLY REASONABLE POSITION, AND WE HOPE THAT FOLLOWING AUGUST 18 MEETING WE CAN MOVE BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION ARTICLE AND PREAMBLE TO MEAT OF AGREEMENT. ROBINSON

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